

## **REMARKS**

Claims 10-14 are pending in the application and stand rejected. By the present amendment, claims 10-14 have been cancelled, and claims 15-35 have been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### **Claim Objections:**

Claims 10 and 14 have been objected to for the reasons stated on pages 2-3 of the Office action.

Claims 10-14 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering the above objection moot.

Further, Examiner contends on page 2 of the Office Action that it is not clear why a cell that has been filled with liquid crystal material with bubbles removed would ever need any replenishment of liquid crystal.

Applicants respectfully submit that such needs are provided for, for example, on page 3, line 1, through page 5, line 4, in the specification. For instance, one of the reasons provided is "when the bubbles are pushed out by applying pressure with a pressure roller, a shortage may occur in liquid crystal injected into the liquid crystal cell. However, no measures have been proposed to deal with such a case of shortage so far" (See page 3, lines 13-20).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):**

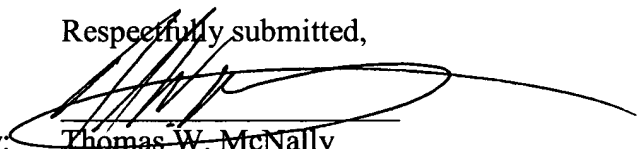
Claims 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawasumi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,978,065) in view of Sekido, Japanese Patent Application Publication JP360097321A.

Claims 10-14 have been canceled without prejudice. And therefore, the above rejection is render moot. Accordingly, Withdrawal of the claim rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-35 have been added to further define the invention.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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